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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service Lifeline and Link Up
CC Docket No. 96-45; WE Docket 03-109**

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I would like to commend your efforts in contributing to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link Up. I feel the Lifeline program will positively and significantly impact the low-income constituents across our nation. This program is stepping in the right direction with helping unemployed and low-income families. It is important to keep in mind that this program is a service to those families that are qualified and deserving.

I am profoundly enthusiastic about the Board's efforts in increasing transparency, efficiency, and uniformity on areas that would apply to all Eligible Telecommunications Carriers. In doing so, this will help eliminate waste and abuse in this program. We must assist our low-income constituents by keeping Lifeline a free service and keep the FCC from mandating monthly subscriber fees which would only create an undue administrative burden on both carriers and consumers. The best approach to curtailing fraud and abuse is establishment of an eligibility database.

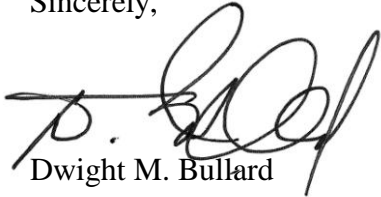
I feel tremendously optimistic that the Lifeline program will have a stable and tangible impact on the constituents in my district and across the country. Lifeline has decreased the unemployment rate of our nation and helped our fellow Americans maintain stability for themselves. I urge the Board to continue on keeping the low-income support of the funds strong.

The Eligible Telecommunications Carriers have done a remarkable job in educating

low-income Americans about the Lifeline program and participant eligibility. I feel that the Lifeline program has considerably facilitated our country's progression to rise from our economic recession. No eligible American should ever be denied access to Lifeline services because of an arbitrary cap on low-income support. We advocate the Commission to consider the recommendations outlined in the report, which will foster competition, increase efficiency and expand enrollments.

I greatly appreciate your efforts in considering my concerns and for your beneficiary service to my constituents. I am eager to view your proposed changes to strengthen these vital programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Bullard", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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